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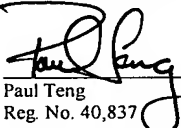
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Pursuant to the applicant's duty of disclosure, the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Patent Office.

The reference listed on the annexed Form PTO-1449 was cited in a November 21, 2006 official action in connection with a corresponding Japanese application. A copy of the November 21, 2006 Japanese official action is enclosed herewith. The other reference (JP 2000-341342) cited in the November 21, 2006 Japanese official action was previously brought to the attention of the Patent Office in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 12, 2006, and therefore is not listed on the Form PTO-1449 annexed hereto.

A Notice of Allowance And Fee(s) Due was mailed November 1, 2006 by the Patent Office in connection with the application. The November 1, 2006 Notice of Allowance indicated that the due date for applicant to submit the issue fee in the amount of \$1,400.00 is February 1, 2007.

U.S. Patent No. 7,148,982 issued on December 12, 2006 (that is, prior to the February 1, 2007 due date for submitting payment of the issue fee) based on this application. After

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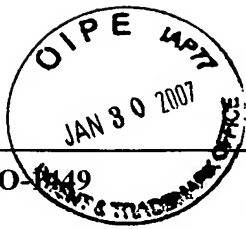
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